



Major/ Career Connections

Major Profile: History (ESI)

School of Liberal Arts

Enterprising Interest Cluster

Is History for me?

Answer the following questions to find out. If you answer yes to most of them, read on to learn more. If not, try one of the other **Major Profiles** (<http://uc.iupui.edu/students/academics/mccs.asp>).

	No	Yes
Are you enterprising, social, or investigative (see Interest Cluster sheets)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were social studies, government, or history your favorite class in high school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did you participate in Student Government in high school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you enjoy visiting the local museums?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you enjoy learning about local or national politics?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the History Channel one of your favorite TV stations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is History?

History offers a curriculum which provides students with a better understanding the human social condition through the systematic study of the human past. A variety of courses is offered dealing with the history of the United States, Europe, Latin America, and some non-Western areas. A historical perspective enriches any other field of study and serves as an excellent foundation for a wide range of Liberal Arts graduate programs. The courses also provide a solid basis for professional training in such fields as law, business, environmental affairs, historic preservation, public administration, and government.

What Courses Will I Take?

- American History
- Ancient History
- Asian History
- History of Work in America
- The Renaissance
- Modern France
- American Urban History
- History of Africa
- Barbarian Europe
- Civil War & Reconstruction
- Women's History

What are Some Related Majors?

- International Business (ESI)
- Law (ESI)
- Government (ESI)
- Political Science (ESI)
- African Studies (SEI)
- Clinical Psychology (SEI)
- Women's Studies (SEI)
- Public Policy Analysis (EIS)
- Counseling Psychology (SIE)
- Foods & Nutrition Science (SIE)
- Social Sciences (SIE)

What Skills Will I Develop?

In this major you will learn general communication skills, research ability, writing proficiency, critical thinking, and organization. More specifically, history majors develop the ability to analyze, compile, and evaluate information; understand and interpret the past; plan and make decisions for the future based on the past.

Where Could I Work?

Most history graduates work in private for-profit businesses or in education. Others work in government, law, non-profit business, or for oneself. The almost 15 percent of those who are self-employed, either operating their own business or in a consulting role, have the highest earnings (The College Majors Handbook, 2004).

What Career Opportunities Exist?

Related Careers

According to a national survey of college graduates an overwhelming majority of graduates from bachelor's level history programs work in occupations that are not closely related to their undergraduate studies (The College Majors Handbook, 2004). Some pursue one of the career options listed below (Guide to College Majors, 2008). Those with an * may require further experience, training, or education.

- Mediator
- Military Officer*
- Political Aide
- Political Campaign Worker
- Politician*
- Professor*
- Social Worker
- Theologian
- Trial Lawyer*
- Writer

Employment Outlook

Employment for historians is expected to grow about as fast as average for all occupations. Historians will mainly find jobs in policy or research. Historians may find job opportunities with historic preservation societies or working as a consultant because public interest in preserving and restoring historical sites are increasing. (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09).

Salary Expectation

The average yearly salary for historians is \$48,520 (OOH, 2008-09). According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the average starting annual salary is about \$37,223 (2008). Earnings are highest for those who are self-employed or work in managerial or administrative positions (The College Majors Handbook, 2004).

What Graduate/Professional School Opportunities Exist?

About half of all history majors pursue an advanced degree (The College Majors Handbook, 2004). This major is a key pathway to law school. History majors may choose to pursue advanced studies in one of the areas listed below.

- Archival Mgmt.
- Government
- International Relations
- Management/
Personnel Training
- Historical
Preservation
- Journalism
- Political Science
- Communications
- Historical
Administration
- Law
- Scientific Research
- Education
- Intelligence Analysis
- Library Science
- Theology

Where Can I Get More Information?



IUPUI School of Liberal Arts History Department	http://www.iupui.edu/~history/ Office: CA 504M Phone: (317) 274-3811
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Career Counseling at IUPUI	http://uc.iupui.edu/students/career/index.asp
Jobs/ Associations/ Additional Resources	http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/history.htm